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CULTURE
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MAINTENANCE OF CULTURAL IDENTITIES OF STATES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain cultural identities of the States in major cities;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to encourage various social and cultural organizations engaged in cultural activities in major cities of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, state-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) The Government is aware of the challenges in the promotion, preservation and conservation of the art & culture of India.The Department of Culture encourages social and cultural organizations both in urban and rural areas through various schemes under which financial assistance is given to voluntary organizations engaged in promoting art and culture. The important schemes include i) Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Art Projects. ii) Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for Celebration of Centenaries/Anniversaries. iii) Scheme for Building Grants to Cultural Organizations. iv) Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture.v) Research Support to Voluntary Organizations engaged in Cultural Activities. In addition, cultural organizations are also encouraged by the autonomous bodies funded by the Department of Culture such as the Zonal Cultural Centres and National Akademies in organizing folk, classical dance & music programmes, seminars, workshops, exhibitions & literary activities both in rural and urban areas.